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## BLOSSOM BEAUTIES

### Nine Win Crowns In Area Pageants

Nine queens were crowned Saturday night in Blossom queen contests in Berrien, Van Buren and Cass county communities.

The final area queen contest will be held tonight when Miss Sodus is named during ceremonies set for 8 p.m. at the DANK German hall, Pipestone Road.

A total of 28 queens will represent their communities in the Miss Blossomtime pageant

stated for April 19 at 8 p.m. in Benton Harbor high school's gymnasium.

The queens will also visit the Great Lakes Naval hospital April 27, and visit southwestern Michigan communities during a Key to the Cities Tour May 4 through 7.

Sunday, May 2 at 3 p.m., Blossomtime will receive its official start with the Blessing of the Blossoms ceremony at

the Walter Miller farm, Napier and Hillendale roads.

A fashion show with the 28 queens as models is set for May 5. The annual Blossomtime Kiddies Parade is scheduled for May 6 at 3:30 p.m. in downtown St. Joseph.

Blossomtime's Grand floral parade will be held in the Twin Cities Saturday May 8 beginning at 1 p.m.

## Woman Killed In Decatur Shootings

DECATUR — A family quarrel near here Sunday night resulted in the shooting death of a rural Dowagiac woman and the wounding of her daughter, according to state police from the Paw Paw post.

State Police Det. Clarence Taylor identified the dead woman as Henrietta Brookins, 48, the wife of Owen Brookins, route 3, Dowagiac.

Wounded and in serious condition at Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo, is her daughter whom police identified as Ileana Brookins, 30, wife of John Brookins, route 3, Decatur.

The shootings occurred about 9:30 p.m. at the Brookins home which is just over the Van Buren county line in Cass county.

NO ARRESTS

No arrests have been made but the case remains under investigation, according to state police and the Cass prosecutor's office.

State police said the two families had been at the Brookins

home Sunday and then sometime after 9 p.m. there was a quarrel in the yard caused by one of the family members who apparently disciplined one of the children.

Brookins and Brookins began arguing and Ileana Brookins was standing between the two officers said.

Taylor said Mrs. Brookins fired a shot, apparently into the air.

At the point, police said, the mother and daughter struggled over the .32 caliber pistol and it discharged, wounding the daughter twice in the chest.

As the two men were preparing to take Ileana Brookins to a hospital, Mrs. Brookins was observed not far away "with the gun point in the air or at her own head."

Her husband, police said, attempted to take the gun from her and it discharged, wounding her in the chest.

Mrs. Brookins was pronounced dead on arrival at Lake View hospital, Paw Paw, state police said.

State police said four Brookins children, aged 12, 10, 8 and 5, witnessed the shooting.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Brookins are pending at the Lyon Funeral home, Dowagiac.

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## Israel Rejects Egyptian Proposal To Reopen Canal

### Calley Feared Accident As Coward's Death

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Lt. William L. Calley Jr. says that during the months he was awaiting trial he developed a fear of dying accidentally because the world might think he was a coward who took his own life, Time magazine reports.

### Beer Prices Going Up With Milk

Well, There's  
Always Water

The price of beer went up today throughout Southwestern Michigan, along with the price of milk.

Beer buyers will pay from 8 to 15 cents more for a six-pack of beer, from 60 to 75 cents more for a case of returnable bottles, and a nickel a bottle more for a case of the Southwestern Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers association.

Milk prices today went up one cent per quart, according to a local dairy spokesman, who added that a proportionate increase also affects all dairy products, such as ice cream and cheese. The milk boost was revealed late last week.

The beer distributors spokesman said the increases locally follow action that began in Detroit, moved to the Bay City and Saginaw areas and then throughout the state. Production cost increases and current labor contract negotiations between Detroit breweries and their employees are reported to have triggered the move.

### POLLUTION SETBACK

Ironically, pollution battlers, seeking a ban on throw-away bottles, sustained a setback as far as prices are concerned.

Retail outlets now will pay 30 cents a case more for throw-away containers of beer, compared to 45 cents a case more for returnable bottles. The reason given was that it costs more to process returnable bottles — shipping them back to manufacturers and washing for re-use.

The beer increase in bars will be the first in several years, although a move was made unsuccessfully to raise tavern and bar prices last month.

Several members of the Southwestern Michigan Licensed Beverage association earlier attempted to secure a raise of from 40 to 50 cents per bottle. The move failed then. The nickel increase will hike regular bottle beer prices from 40 to 45 cents in most bars. Some establishments, however, have been charging more for bottle beer.

### Draft Board Chief Quits Over Calley

CARO (AP) — Another member of a draft board in Michigan has resigned to protest the murder conviction of Lt. William L. Calley Jr. for 22 slayings at My Lai in South Vietnam.

The latest to step down is Richard Erla, the chairman of draft board No. 83 in Tuscola County. Erla said he would make his resignation formal today in either a letter to State Selective Service headquarters or a personal trip to Lansing.

Erla said that as far as he knew, the rest of the five-member board was staying on. Erla has sat on the board 10 years and has served as chairman the past two years.

Jerry Post - Temple Barbers. Adv.  
Dody Stock - Now at Ruth's Styling Salon. Ph. 983-3556 Adv.



### JACK BAKER- MSA President

IT'S ALL THERE: Jack Baker, a candidate for University of Minnesota student body president, with Bible under arm, adds an ecology symbol and a picture of Abraham Lincoln in a campaign poster to those political virtues so familiar to American satire. One of Baker's two opponents, however, doesn't think it's so funny, claiming Baker must not be taking the office seriously. Baker, 29, a law student, says he is serious about the campaign. (AP Wirephoto)

### Cheers! Another Holiday Proposed 'President Hanson' Day Celebration Sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Clarence D. Long thinks the memory of John Hanson should have its own day on the calendar — like that of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Hanson, of course, was the "first president" of the United States, after a fashion.

Long, a Maryland Democrat and author of seven books on economics, says not enough people know about Hanson and he wants Congress to remedy that by declaring April 14 as John Hanson Day.

The reference books disagree on the date of the famous Marylander's birthday. The encyclopedia Britannica, for instance, says the Revolutionary War-era leader was born April 3, 1715. Long and other history books say it was 1721.

The claim that Hanson was first president of the United States is based on his position as president of the Continental Congress under the government established by the Articles of Confederation.

The Articles, the nation's first

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### High Court Upholds Ban On Prayer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New Jersey school board failed 7 to 2 today in the Supreme Court in a bid to resume prayer reading in public school.

The Netcong, N.J., board had contended the daily reading in its local high school was constitutional because students and teachers attended on a voluntary basis and the state did not select the prayer to be said.

In February 1970, Superior Court Judge Joseph H. Stamler ruled the program in violation of the First Amendment's ban on government establishment of religion. The New Jersey Supreme Court affirmed his judgment unanimously last November.

The prayers were chosen from the Congressional Record and said a few minutes before the start of classes. The reader was permitted to add his own "thought for the day." About two-thirds of the students in the Netcong High School attended.

The high court rejected the appeal over a dissent by Justices Potter Stewart and Byron R. White, who favored a hearing.

In 1962 and 1963 the court prohibited official prayer programs including saying of The Lord's Prayer and Bible reading in the public schools.

The New Jersey Supreme Court said the Netcong program was essentially the same as those disapproved then.

### But Meir Wants Talks To Continue

Tel Aviv Will  
Keep Real Estate  
Won In Battle

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Israeli Premier Golda Meir has rejected Egypt's offer to reopen the Suez Canal in exchange for an Israeli withdrawal from the banks of the waterway. She also reiterated her government's determination to retain the Golan Heights, Sharm el Sheikh, the Gaza Strip and the Arab sector of Jerusalem.

Addressing a national conference of her ruling Labor party Sunday night, Mrs. Meir avoided stating specific terms for reopening the waterway but repeated her offer Feb. 9 to hold talks with the Egyptians on arrangements to reopen the canal.

Sources close to the Israeli Cabinet said Jerusalem might once again put forward Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's proposal for both Israeli and Egyptian forces to pull back from the canal in conjunction with its reopening.

Sadate's proposal called for only the Israelis to withdraw, with Egyptian troops replacing them on the east bank the canal.

EGYPTIAN WARNING  
Saying that April "is the month which shall decide between a solution and war," Sadate warned Israel to make a prompt reply to his proposal or risk renewed fighting.

Mrs. Meir told her party: "Anyone who proposes Israeli agreement to the opening of the canal as a lever to obtain total Israeli withdrawal from Sinai and from Gaza will certainly not be surprised by Israel's outright rejection of this plan."

She said Israel "would willingly see the canal open to shipping of all nations, including Israel, and the restoration of civilian life in the area. We are prepared to discuss the arrangement required to do this."

She repeated Israel's demands for a formal peace treaty guaranteeing secure borders prior to any troop withdrawal. She noted that her government "is having a serious argument with the United States" over Israel's territorial demands and Washington's insistence that international guarantees can safeguard Israel better than new borders.

She said Israel "should not forget what the U.S. and President Nixon have done for Israel in recent years, especially in the field of arms supply," but she expressed amazement at "those who think geography is nonsense."

To achieve security, she declared, Israel must control the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights taken from Syria and Sharm el Sheikh, at the tip of the Sinai peninsula overlooking the Tiran strait.

She also said Israel will retain Arab Jerusalem, and she pledged that no Arab army would ever again cross the Jordan river, indicating that Israel will only give up the West Bank territory taken from Jordan if it is demilitarized.

ROCKET ATTACK  
Meanwhile, Arab infiltrators from Lebanon fired bazooka rockets early today at an Israeli settlement south of the Lebanese border, the Israeli military command announced. No casualties or damage were reported in the attack on the Sifusa settlement four miles south of the frontier.

It was the second attack in two days by guerrillas based in Lebanon on Israeli settlements. Jordanian army troops fought Palestinian guerrillas for the 10th day Sunday, and King Hussein vowed he would keep up the pressure so his forces could give all their attention to the front with Israel.

Guerrillas ambushed a police patrol in downtown Amman and wounded two policemen with machine-gun fire, the government reported. A spokesman also said one soldier was killed Saturday and two others wounded seriously when guerrillas rocketed two villages in north Jordan from neighboring Syria.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency said the guerrillas' center

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THE HERALD-PRESS Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

A Further Look Into The Calley Verdict

Following Thursday's publication of a comment on Lt. William Calley's murder conviction arising from the My Lai massacre, a friend asked what we meant in references to "the Nuremberg theory sustaining the prosecution" and Calley "falling victim to the wrong war."

He stated his understanding of the case, gleaned from the voluminous news reports about it, to be that Calley was put on trial for a premeditated crime; and that only a hearing before a courts martial, a military tribunal, distinguished the situation from what takes place with deadening regularity in the St. Joseph court house, a civilian establishment.

His only quarrel with the verdict, one expressed from all sides, is that Calley was sneezing for somebody up the line having taken the snuff.

He promised to spare us an irate Letter To Ye Ed if we would elaborate on the references parenthesized above.

In rereading the editorial we concede some elaboration is in order.

Calley's attorney sought to justify his client's excessive action on three grounds: war is a messy business such that the innocent bystander escapes its consequences normally as a matter of luck; the nature of the Vietnamese conflict intensifies this irrefutable premise; and Calley understood there was a general order from topside to shoot first and ask questions later.

The judge advocate (the prosecutor) attacked the defense theory from two directions. The evidence failed to show My Lai to be the boobytrap as claimed by Calley and nobody up the chain of command had ever instructed subordinate commanders to pursue a method of indiscriminate attack.

His second argument ran to the effect that even if Calley's defense was true in fact, particularly as to the search and destroy order, military regulations themselves require him to disobey that instruction.

His second argument is the so called Nuremberg section in the regulations.

Before VE Day was an accomplished fact the World War II Allies had agreed on a purge of the Nazi officialdom responsible for what they called crimes against humanity. The U.S., Russian and French authorities were the prime movers in the action. The British concurred, though many writers believe Winston Churchill had some reservations on the idea.

The more dramatic of those postwar trials were held at Nuremberg as a part of de-Nazifying the defeated nation.

Unable to argue the atrocities out of existence, the defendants almost to a man claimed they acted on orders from their superiors.

The Nuremberg judges dismissed that assertion as a sham. No person, they ruled, can rely upon an order from a superior to justify the former's abominable conduct.

Although this principle was not new because it has been repeated constantly since international law assumed a recognizable form in the 16th century, the impact of the atrocity trials was such that it became known as the Nuremberg rule.

Under Truman's instruction, the American armed forces explicitly incorporated the Nuremberg rule into their regulations.

tions. At the time some in the U.S. military's upper echelon privately expressed misgiving.

Some feared that a subordinate might apply his subjective interpretation to what presumably is an objectively stated test to thwart his superiors.

Others found a practical objection. Nuremberg is postulated on lofty ideals, but only the winner can enforce them. The general of a defeated army or the admiral of a stricken navy could suffer a great personal loss in a future war, namely, his neck.

Viet Nam is the American first experience with the Nuremberg regulation.

It did not surface during the Korean War because the combatants fought one another either face to face or at longer range, and for the most part in fairly substantial numbers. A relatively open type of warfare normally is not the stage from which atrocities arise.

Viet Nam is the antithesis of Korea.

The enemy is completely unprincipled by our standards. He frequently boobytraps his own people to inflict casualties upon the other side.

He is shadowy, a figure flitting in and out from the jungle and marsh.

Physically, he is extremely difficult to distinguish from anyone else in the countryside.

Surviving that kind of guerrilla war, much less thinking of winning it, lays a supreme emphasis on a quick trigger and an accurate one.

It may not be impossible to avoid atrocities under those conditions, but it is definitely improbable.

The one spokesman for the six officer comprising the courts martial has said they did not apply a literal interpretation of the Nuremberg regulation against Calley.

The reader can accept this as an honest expression of opinion on his part.

At the same time one has to recognize the weakness in regulations pressing from opposite directions against a subordinate.

The underlying theme in all of the regulations but one is conformity of those within a system to the system. Punishment is certain for disobeying them.

From the other side, however, the subordinate can be punished if he fails or refuses to sort out those orders in his own mind as to their moral integrity.

The Nuremberg regulation's intention is all to the good.

My Lai simply demonstrates the need to re-phrase it in a better form.

Purifying The Tongue

The campaign of the late French President Charles de Gaulle against Anglo-saxon influences in his country, which included NATO and even some of the military terms which had been absorbed into the French language, is still going on, although with some cumbersome results.

Thus, the word "crash" is replaced by a French phrase which translated is "forced landing with damage." That may preserve the purity of the tongue, but it does little to enhance the art of communication.

Lavender Exhaust

It is not unusual to try to hide offensive odors, but lavender perfume in diesel fuel? This is being resorted to by the San Diego Transit Corp. to try to disguise the fumes emitted by its diesel powered buses, after both customers and motorists had complained.

"Lavender talcum powder" is the way the company's general manager described the new exhaust. A bystander said, "It smells like a bus with perfume on."

Whichever description is more accurate, bus riders and trailing motorists are going to be looking at one another until someone explains the source of the new aroma. Hundreds of buses spewing lavender talcum powder may be no improvement.

Wails Of A Thousand Cities



GLANCING BACKWARDS

10-CENT STAMP MAY BE 'LICKED'

Initial congressional reaction has raised the possibility that trouble lies ahead for President Nixon's proposal to raise the price of a first-class postage stamp from 6 to 10 cents.

"A 10-cent first-class stamp is unconscionable," Sen. Gale McGee, D-Wyo., chairman of the Senate Post office Committee, declared after Nixon's proposal was sent to Congress.

CON CON WINS; DEMS TOO

Michigan voters yesterday approved the much-debated amendment calling for a constitutional convention to consider revising the state's 53 year old constitution which has been amended 89 times since 1908.

They rejected, however, a plan to allow Michigan to use \$5

million of its credit to lure new industry in competition with other states. Both proposals had received the backing of Gov. Swainson.

HULL REJECTS AXIS PROTEST

President Roosevelt pinned responsibility for widespread sabotage directly on the Italian naval attaché today, and Secretary Hull curtly rejected Axis protest against American seizure of 30 German and Italian ships.

It seems to have been proved, Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference, that a great deal of sabotage of Italian merchantment was an order of Admiral Roberto Lais. Lais' immediate recall was demanded yesterday.

TO BEAUTIFY

The grounds surrounding the

new truck weighing station built by the state highway department this year near New Buffalo are being beautified. It is intended to make the acre of ground one of the beauty spots along the highway.

WESTERN FILM

Buffalo Bill's Wild West show was presented to the public on films at the Lyric theatre and proved very lifelike and entertaining. Charles Grey, who was with the original show, was here with the films.

TO MOVE TO ST. JOE

G. Tarbell of Milwaukee, who recently purchased the Sutherland place on the Lake Shore drive, is here. He will remodel the home and make improvements to the place and plans to move his family here.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor, The Herald-Press:

LOOK WITHIN

I have faith in young people, in spite of the few, who want something for nothing. As many an adult does too.

Before we judge too harshly, let's look at our own lives. If we say we are perfect, they know we are telling lies.

So let's give them plenty of courage. Let them hold their heads up high. They may not live up to expectations. But then I surely say they did try.

Ann Fister, Stevensville

Editor, The Herald-Press:

BLACKMAIL IN LAKESHORE

In this last school election the taxpayers of the Lakeshore school district finally asserted themselves regarding the reckless spending in our schools.

It seems to me we are going too far afield from the true basic education in favor of all kinds of frills and other unnecessary programs instead of concentrating on a real basic education.

Where in our school laws does it say we taxpayers must pay for bowling classes, cooking, sewing, football, baseball and all other sports?

Where in our laws does it say the taxpayer is supposed to be suckered in for recreation or lounges for teachers, auditoriums and stadiums?

What are we running, rest homes for our teachers? Why, when we older folks went to school, the teacher taught a full class room and all subjects, not just one and for much less money and no lounges or other special benefits, and they did a better job, as our latest students are proof of.

Did you notice the way young people waiting on you in the stores can not even count your change?

What about the way they act? Beatnik's dressing like bums and using dope, smoking pot, irresponsible, cannot do a job.

That is what we turned out in our fancy schools and I am sure it could have been different if the proper discipline was used in the teaching.

Now that the taxpayers voted 2 to 1 against this throwing away of our money, the

teachers and other administrators in our schools are threatening the students with all kinds of reprisals to be taken, such as cutting out busing, etc.

I say to the taxpayers, don't let this change your way of voting if this comes up again. This making of threats is political blackmail and should not be allowed.

These persons would be better removed from our school system because this is supposed to be a free country, where you have the right to vote as you please without some one threatening you.

This vote was long overdue and is a mandate of the people and before any busing is cut they will have to answer to the people.

If we are so hard pressed for money then we had no business building lounges for teachers and an auditorium, to say nothing of the unnecessary programs in teaching.

AN IRATE TAXPAYER, Stevensville

Editor, The Herald - Press:

MESSY STORE

In Chikaming township where the well known inconsistent zoning, building and burning

laws are continually violated, there is a grocer who calls his store a supermarket.

He is and has been burning his garbage and trash on the open ground for years.

With no protection, the wind has blown piles of trash on to the neighbor's yard with never an effort to clean it up.

When the garbage burns there is a dark cloud of smoke and burning embers flying over several homes and the terrible burning garbage stench.

On March 31, when there was a strong wind the flying embers set fire to the neighbor's yard and threatened the house which was recently re-built as the original burned down in 1969 with no cause established. The yard fire was put out by the grocer's employees.

The dirty debris is piled high around his food store and a wide area across the highway.

This debris makes a very ideal breeding area for rats and the garbage for food and bushels of fruit and vegetables for their playground which is on display outside 24 hours a day. Township official and the Berrien County Health department has been notified several times with no action.

ELLIOTT ERICKSON, Harbert

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

Hank Grant reports that the enterprising producer, Ray Stark, was getting a haircut at his favorite barber shop when he was tracked down by John Huston, making a long-distance business call from Ireland. Stark held the electric clipper closer to the mouthpiece and ordered, "You'll have to speak louder, John: I'm in my helicopter!"

Kirk Douglas, handsome, handsome movie star, best known, perhaps for his role of Spartacus in the film of that name, and his pal, Agent Irving Lazar, were about to drive off the number one at the Tannarisk Country Club when two paunchy, elderly gentlemen asked to play round with them. The course was crowded that day, so Douglas and Lazar said, "Come ahead."

The two strangers drove first, each one sending a booming two-hundred-yarder that split the fairway. Kirk Douglas then stepped up to drive, while



several young female spectators squealed softly with excitement. Unfortunately, Kirk topped his drive badly, and his ball dribbled a bare thirty yards off the tee. That's when one of the elderly gentlemen was heard in an aside to the other, "Hmp-ph SOME SPARTACUS!"

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

Two years ago, I recovered from a severe heart attack. I am still taking blood-thinning medicine, however, and wonder if I will have to continue taking it for the rest of my life in order to avoid another attack. I worry about this.

Dear Mr. P.: If, after two years, your mind is still filled with anxiety about another attack then you really cannot say that you have completely "recovered" from your first attack.

Recovery from any illness, especially a heart attack, is complete only when a person ceases to concentrate on his former illness and again enjoys the blessing of renewed health.

The fact that you have been taking a blood-thinning drug for two years does not necessarily mean that you will have to take it forever. Your own doctor, by repeated tests of your blood, will decide when this and other medication should be stopped.

Not all patients who have had coronary heart attacks are given blood-thinning anti-coagulant drugs. The decision depends on each individual case.

You must adjust yourself to the fact that you have completely recovered. If you stay within the limits established by your doctor, you will flourish in health, without psychological anxiety.

When an ulcer of the stomach cannot be found by X-ray examination, it is possible to look into the stomach with a mirror or some other instrument?

I have symptoms that resem-

ble an ulcer, but no one seems to be able to find it.

Mr. E. O., Idaho Dear Mr. O.: There are now a number of brilliantly devised instruments known as "gastroscopes" that can be painlessly introduced through the mouth and into the stomach.

Through them, almost every portion of the stomach can be carefully inspected. In this way, ulcers and a variety of stomach conditions can be diagnosed.

Dr. Henry Colcher of the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City has ingeniously expanded the use of the gastroscope by special techniques of photographing the lining of the stomach, and in color.

With this camera, and with the help of the new science of fiberoptics, pictures can actually be taken "around corners" in previously inaccessible parts of the stomach.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Advice to diabetics: Don't get involved in the medical dispute about oral medication for diabetes. Follow your doctor's advice and play safe.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled, "Pay Attention to Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., in care of this newspaper. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH  
A 10 6 2  
K A 8 7  
5  
A K 9 2

WEST EAST  
K 8 J 9 7 4  
10 9 5 K 3  
A 10 7 Q 4 3  
Q J 6 4 3 10 8 7 5

SOUTH  
Q 5 3  
J 6 4 2  
K J 9 8 6 2

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass Pass Pass 2  
Pass 2 NT Pass 3  
Pass 4

Opening lead — nine of hearts.

This deal occurred in the match between Italy and North America in the 1966 world championship.

When the American pair held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. The artificial two diamond bid and hand (either 4-4-4 or 5-4-4-0), hand (either 4-4-4 or 5-4-4-0), and the two notrump response, also artificial, requested North to announce his short suit.

North duly responded three diamonds and South jumped to four hearts, confident that dum-

my would have four notrumps and a very good hand.

West led the nine of hearts, dummy following low, and East won the king and returned the three. Declarer and West played low dummy winning cheaply with the eight.

Had declarer won with the queen instead, he would have made the contract, but as it was, he went down when West won the next lead of a diamond to the jack and returned a trump, locking declarer in dummy. A low spade to the queen proved fruitless and South finished down two, since he could not utilize his diamond suit.

At the second table, the Italian South also got to four hearts, but here West led a club, won in dummy with the king. Declarer played a diamond to the jack, losing to the ace, and West returned the five of hearts.

East took the seven with the king and returned a heart to West's nine and dummy's queen. Declarer ruffed a club, cashed the king of diamonds, trumped a diamond in dummy with the ace, played the eight of hearts to the jack, and cashed three good diamonds to make five hearts for a score of 450 points and a gain to Italy of 550 points.

The obvious moral of the hand is that you shouldn't always win a trick as cheaply as possible.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. What mountain is called "The Maiden"?
2. Give another name for the Rhine Maiden.
3. What maiden was called "La Pucelle"?
4. What mythical animal could only be captured by a maiden?
5. What city maintained six official maidens?

YOUR FUTURE

Use care and tact in your dealings with lawyers. Today's child will be impetuous and have a frank, generous nature.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg of New York were sentenced to death as "atom spies."

BORN TODAY

Booker T. Washington, born of a Negro slave and a white man, studied and worked himself into the ranks of the top leaders of his race and, in the process, made Horatio Alger hero sound almost commonplace.

Washington left the plantation soon after the Civil War for Malden, W. Va., where he worked in a salt furnace and then in a coal mine. He educated himself first at night school and then by working his way through Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute from

1872 to 1875.

After some years of teaching at Malden and studying at the Wayland seminary in Washington, D. C., he took a job as instructor at the Hampton Institute where he trained some 75 Indians with whom Gen. S. C. Armstrong was carrying on an educational experiment.

He established a night school for the needy and, in 1881, was chosen to found Tuskegee Institute, the work he is best remembered for. Opened in a shanty and church, Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute became, under Washington's guidance, the foremost exponent of industrial education for Negroes.

He organized the National Negro Business League in Boston, before which he gave many important speeches.

Harvard conferred upon him the honorary Master of Arts degree in 1896 and Dartmouth awarded him an LL. D. five years later.

He wrote many books, the best known of which are "Up from Slavery" and "The Story of the Negro."

In 1946 a bust and tablet in his honor were unveiled at the Hall of Fame in New York City. Washington died in 1915.

Others born today include Belle Davis, Melvyn Douglas, Spencer Tracy and Gregory Peck.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT

1. The Jungfrau in Switzerland.
2. The Lorelei.
3. Joan of Arc.
4. The unicorn.
5. Rome—the Vestal Virgins.

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## Benton To Ballot June 25 On Police-Fire Levy

By HOWARD HOLMES  
Staff Writer

Benton township voters will not vote on June 25 to approve a six-mill levy to finance police and fire protection. The six mills would raise an estimated \$450,000, and amount to a three-mill increase.

A resolution to hold the special election was approved at the annual township meeting Saturday.

A current three-mill levy for police and fire protection expires this year. The new proposal means renewal of three mills, plus an additional three mills. Each of the three mills would run for five years with one expiring in 1975 and one in '76.

Approval of the levy would

not mean immediate reinstatement of cutbacks in police and fire departments because the added revenue won't start arriving until next December. Three policemen and five firemen were laid off to reduce a \$120,000 deficit.

Approximately 75 residents attended the meeting and approved a \$712,920 budget for the fiscal year that started April 1. The budget includes a \$2,000 increase in the salary of Supervisor Martin Lane, who will receive \$8,000 annually. The budget does not include the additional three mills.

The resolution was presented by township fire Lt. Richard Joseph and seconded by the Rev. W. E. Ellis, who has been a steady campaigner for added

police protection. "Whatever it costs to live peacefully, that's what I want to pay," he said.

His statement coincided with one made by Police Chief Joseph Sieber, who said that police protection should be placed above education in importance. There is no education when there is fear, he said.

Sieber said cutbacks in police protection is a problem that is facing cities throughout Michigan and is not exclusive to Benton township. Cutbacks are being made when the number of men should be increased, he said.

The police chief said his officers investigate twice the number of complaints per officer than those of any other police department in the Twin Cities

area. Township police investigated 8,504 complaints last year, Sieber said.

In comparison, St. Joseph, which has an approximate equal number of officers, investigated 2,019 complaints. Benton Harbor and Berrien sheriff's officers, who each outnumber the township's force almost two to one, investigated 8,870 and 9,092 complaints respectively, Sieber said.

In addition to Sieber's report, annual reports were also given by Fire Chief Ken Kraiger, Treasurer Tony Angelo, Jr., Chief Building Inspector Chester Shuck, Planning Commission Chairman Robert Miskill and Benton Harbor Library Trustee Robert Vanderberg.

Supervisor Martin J. Lane gave a report on the progress in Benton township and publicly acknowledged appreciation for construction begun by Whirlpool, Shopper's Fair, East Manufacturing and Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., which is building in the Pipestone Industrial district.

Sammie Smith, executive director of the Benton township housing project, gave a report on programs planned to encourage Blossom Acres residents to participate in community programs.

Smith mentioned YMCA and YWCA youth activities, adult basic education programs, potluck dinners, arts and crafts, a plaza circle organization, a library started with the dona-

tion of books and fun-after-50 club.

He also mentioned a neighborhood aid program to assist with housekeeping, nutrition and economy purchasing, and a vocational rehabilitation center to assist unemployed get jobs. Smith said 80 tenants in the project were on public welfare.

Ben Davis, director of the Model Cities program, gave a brief history on the development of the program with Benton Harbor and told the audience the two municipalities received \$1,340,000 last year for a combined investment of about \$30,000.

According to the township budget, Benton is expected to receive \$300,000 from local tax collections, \$180,000 from sales

tax, \$62,000 from the Michigan income tax, \$48,000 from trash and rubbish revenue.

Lesser sums will be received from delinquent tax collections, intangibles taxes, trailer taxes, license and fees, liquor license fees, permits and licenses, street lights taxes, etc.

Disbursements will include \$216,770 for police protection, \$163,640 for fire protection, \$128,506 for administration, \$1,992 for rehabilitation, \$37,100 for building inspection, \$36,250 for street lights, \$10,250 for parks, \$11,807 for the planning commission, \$8,810 for housing inspection, \$18,450 for civic improvement, \$42,950 for trash and rubbish and \$36,395 for vehicle maintenance.

## St. Joe Twp. Sets Vote On Sewer System

By DICK DERRICK  
SJ City Editor

St. Joseph township electors without dissent approved an election on sewer installation, financial report and a \$510,700 budget — down \$6,300 from last year.

The annual meeting held in the township hall on Napier avenue drew approximately 50 residents Saturday and may have marked the end of the hall as the township headquarters.

Citing the high value of the land in the Colfax-Napier commercial area and also the township property at the intersection of Washington and Hilltop, electors voted to give the

board of trustees authority to sell both parcels if they could get the right price for it.

But a companion motion, to authorize the board to hold an election and levy up to two mills to build a new township hall, was voted down overwhelmingly.

The election on sewer installation was requested by Supervisor Orval L. Benson who said the township board has the authority to set such an election but in view of the estimated \$1,000 to \$1,500 cost he wanted taxpayer support. He got it unanimously. The election will probably be held in July. While technical details would have to be worked out it probably would establish the system whereby various sections of the township, on both sides of the St. Joseph river, would be able to hook up to twin city sanitary sewer facilities.

## Pay Raises Reduced In Royaltown

Royaltown township residents vetoed one pay raise plan for their elected officials but then approved a reduced version Saturday during the township's annual meeting.

Under the approved plan, the supervisor's salary will be raised from \$3,200 to \$3,520 a year; the clerk and treasurer will be boosted from \$2,100 to \$2,310 a year each and trustees will be raised from \$220 to \$250 a year each. In addition, each official is to receive \$10 for each meeting attended instead of \$8.

Approval came in a show-of-hands vote following introduction of the plan by Lloyd Eisenhart. It was the first raise for the officers since 1967.

Rejection of the first plan, recommended by a committee of township residents, came in a tie 24-24 secret ballot vote. Under the committee proposal, the supervisor would have been raised to \$3,750, the clerk and treasurer to \$2,500 each, and trustees to \$370 each. Meeting fees would have been raised to \$12.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Serving on the committee were: Milton Geisler, James Taylor and Donald Little.

Township officers are Harley Marschke, supervisor; Otto Jasper, clerk; Allan Stockman, treasurer; and Edward Kretschman and Francis Stump, trustees.

Also approved at the meeting was a 1971-72 budget of \$65,905, up \$12,785 over last year's figure of \$53,120. The increase is to cover primarily expected increases in legal fees involved in the township's regional planning effort and for fire and water services.

Jasper said the township is in the process of trying to become a member of the water and sewage authority serving St. Joseph and Lincoln townships.

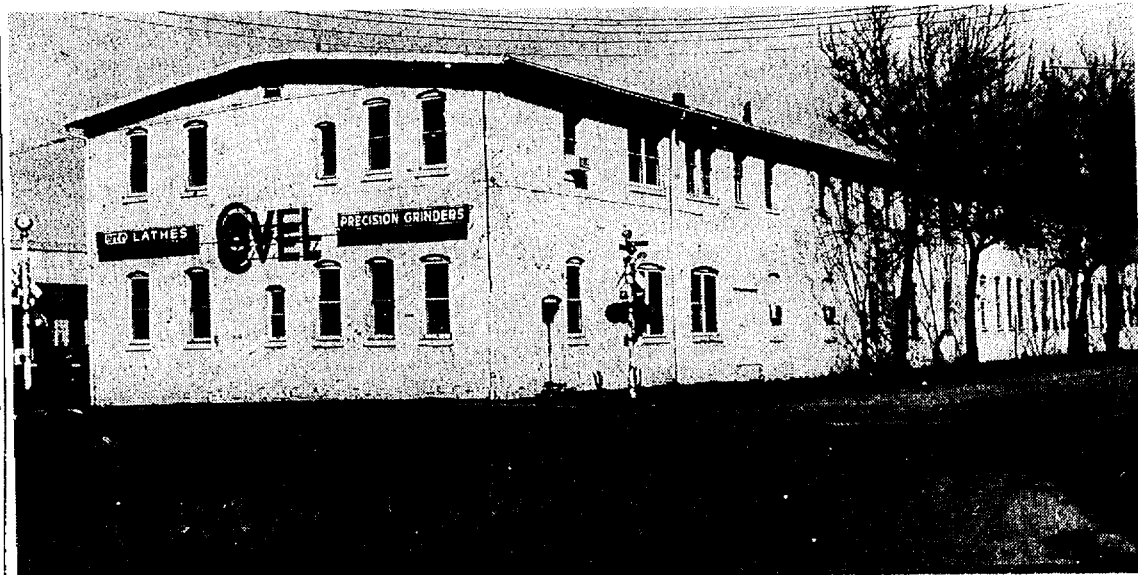
### FUND BALANCE

In the 1970-71 year, the township received \$73,403 and spent \$63,613. With monies left over from the previous year, the balance for the end of the 1970-71 year in March was \$23,927.

Jasper reported the township's share of fire protection from the tri-unit fire department was \$5,025. He said the firemen of the department donated \$500 during the year for equipment.

Attorney John Spelman was retained as the township's attorney.

Marschke urged residents to take advantage of the offer for free disposal of junk cars if they have any they want to get rid of quickly.



**BUILDING SOLD:** Former Covell Manufacturing Co. plant, a Benton Harbor landmark at Graham avenue and North Shore drive, has been purchased for undisclosed price by Modern Plastics Corp., based at 489 North Shore drive. Owen Skelton, general manager of Modern Plastics, said Covell building will be used as warehouse. Covell was founded in 1874 in Chicago, and acquired by Lars L. Filstrup who

moved firm to Benton Harbor in 1903. Covell manufactured machine tools. Firm was sold in 1968 to former Atlas Press Co., Kalamazoo, now a division of Clausing Corp., Kalamazoo. Clausing closed the Benton Harbor plant in 1970. Modern Plastics acquired building, about 50,000 square feet on a 4 1/2-acre site — from Clausing. (Staff photo)

## Photograph Contest For Boy Scouts

A photo contest for Scouts taking part in the Boy Scout's Project SOAR was announced by the Southwestern Michigan council in St. Joseph.

Entries, either photos or movie film, are to be submitted by May 1 for this year's contest, according to Vern Snyder, chairman of the advisory committee for Project SOAR. They are to be submitted to the local scout council, he said.

### FOR CONSERVATION

The entries are to cover a conservation or environmental problem, a boy or boys doing something about it and the results of their project in three photos or a three-minute movie film.

Pictures may be in black and white, color or slides and the prints may be any size, mounted or unmounted.

Three classes for entries have been established. One is for Cub Scouts, 8-10 years of age; another for Boy Scouts, 11-14 years old, and one for Explorers, 14-21.

Council and state winners are to receive special recognition while the national winners for 1971 will receive an expense-paid trip to the Soil Conservation Society annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in August.

The contest is to foster the Save Our American Resources (SOAR) project, the Boy Scouts yearlong campaign to mobilize six million members in a massive campaign to save the nation's resources.

### AGRICULTURALIST DIES

TAYLOR, Tex. (AP) — Elmore R. Torn, 64, an internationally known agriculturalist, died Friday of a heart attack. The father of actor Rip Torn, he was known for inaugurating the Southern custom of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day.

## POLICE ROUNDUP Valuable Antique Grindstone Stolen

Thefts ranging from tape players to an antique grindstone, were investigated over the weekend by Twin Cities area police.

Mrs. Viola Bryant told Benton Harbor police Saturday that an antique grindstone, valued at \$150, was stolen from the back yard of her home, 738 Broadway. She said the grindstone was quite heavy and did not believe youngsters could have carried it away.

John Queen told city police Sunday that a tape player, valued at \$115, was stolen from his auto, parked at his home, 622 Territorial. Gary Lee Tope told Berrien sheriff's officers Saturday that 16 stereo tapes, valued at \$196, were stolen from his auto, parked at his home, 1420 South Aurilla, St. Joseph.

The reported theft of a \$60 check from a mailbox was investigated Saturday by Benton Harbor police. William Murrain told police the check to him from Southwestern Michigan college, Dowagiac, for work done on the campus, was removed from an envelope in the mailbox of his home, 846 Waukonda.

James Kollath Saturday reported to Benton township police that a Harley Davidson motorcycle was stolen from a shed at his home, Box 98, Territorial road. Kollath said the cycle did not have a gas tank, seat or exhaust pipes.

Roy C. Askew, 21, of 363 Linden, Benton Harbor, told city police Sunday that his 1966 Pontiac was stolen from McConard and Higliand.

Five persons were arrested this weekend on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Berrien sheriff's deputies arrested Elbert S. Lomax, 54, of 257 Second street, Benton Har-

bor; Charles Lee Green, 35, of 4527 Hollywood road, Stevensville; and William R. Dehart, 29, of 1107 Territorial road.

Benton Harbor city police arrested Leroy Brown, 56, of 789 Thresher avenue, Benton Harbor.

Benton Harbor state police arrested Maggie M. Askew, 40, of 363 Linden avenue, Benton township.

Benton Harbor police said Alma Watson of 365 Paw Paw avenue reported \$30 worth of food stamps stolen from her house. Police said she reported keeping the stamps beneath the bed mattress.

Benton Harbor police arrested Claude Grant, 48, of 143 1/2 Territorial road, and Johnnie Johnson, 40, of 507 Edwards avenue, Benton Harbor, Sunday on charges of unlawfully driving away of a pickup truck.

Police said the vehicle belonging to James Wright, 558 Clay street, was taken from 507 Edwards and driven to a liquor store on Territorial road. Johnson was also charged with drunk and disorderly.

Benton Township police arrested Nathan Lee Roberts, 39, of 804 West LaSalle street, South Bend, Sunday on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and drunk and disorderly. The arrest was made after police found Roberts by his car on Territorial road, where he had lost the ignition keys. Police said they found a .32 caliber pistol in his jacket.

Benton Harbor state police arrested John W. Dickerson, 44, of 304 Paw Paw avenue, Benton Harbor, on a charge of driving on a suspended license Sunday. They also charged Jerry Wayne Kelley, 24, of Route 1, Buchanan with the same offense. Benton Harbor city police arrested Robert D. Willis, 20, of 402 Brunson avenue, Benton Harbor, on a charge of driving while his license was suspended.

### OPPOSE CURBS

LANSING (AP)—The Michigan Association of Broadcasters has voiced strong opposition to a proposal, now before the Michigan Supreme Court, which would restrict the release of pretrial information in criminal cases.

## Ex-Olympic Track Star Dead At 74



FRANK LOOMIS, JR.

Frank Loomis Jr., 74, winner of a Gold Medal as a hurdler in the 1920 Olympic track and field competition, died at 1:15 a.m. Sunday at his home in New Port Richey, Fla.

After the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp, Belgium, he continued in amateur competition with the Chicago Athletic Association for about a year and a half. He was track coach for the University of Nebraska and served as coach of the women's track team for the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles.

Mr. Loomis was retail food advertising manager for the Chicago American for 30 years. Upon his retirement in 1962, he moved to St. Joseph.

He was born in St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 22, 1896, and moved to New Port Richey three years ago from St. Joseph.

Survivors include his widow, the former Dorothy Morehead, whom he married Dec. 12, 1936, in Chicago; two daughters, Mrs. Ivey (Frances) Wilson of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. William (Jo Anne) Grant of St. Louis, Mo.; a son, Frank Loomis III of Hagar Shores; seven grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Upper (Dedie) Swandale of

## Lincoln Twp. Supervisor Pay Now \$10,000

A \$10,000 - a - year salary for Lincoln township's supervisor was approved Saturday at the annual township meeting in Stevensville.

The salary, up \$1,251 over the salary last year, was part of a \$186,000 budget for 1971-72 operations of the township's government. Also boosted were salaries of the clerk and treasurer. The clerk's pay was boosted from \$6,300 to \$7,200 while the treasurer's pay was raised from \$4,550 to \$5,200.

Trustee's pay remained unchanged at \$20 per diem.

The budget was \$46,828 higher than the budget for last year.

### 'BAD EXAMPLE'

One of the 40 persons present for the session said the increases for the officials was a "bad example" for the rest of the county. Others spoke in favor of the boosts in view of the work being done by Supervisor Ernest Hauch, Clerk Mrs. Bernice Tretheway and Treasurer Gerald Wahl.

The pay increases were the first in two years for the offices.

Wahl and Mrs. Tretheway said part of the increases in the budget are due to two new funds.

One is a \$10,000 expense to cover costs of engineering services and studies on the township's water and sewer project this year.

Hauch told residents that professional and technical advice is needed by township officials before they can determine water charges and other related fees.

Also new is a fund for water and sewer debt retirement. A total of \$20,000 will be set aside for that fund.

Other routine increases are fire protection, up \$2,000; police, up \$3,000 for increased hours of patrol; roads and bridges, up \$5,000; cemetery, up \$3,600 to provide for possible land acquisition; parks and recreation, up \$7,000 and legal fees, up \$2,000.

### VALUATION UP

In other matters, residents heard a report from Hauch that the townships state equalized valuation for 1971 will probably be \$50,000,000, an all-time high. Last year's SEV was \$47,358.90.

Hauch also announced re-appointments for township duties. Re-appointed to the planning commission were: Wesley Harper, Paul Dietrich and Raymond Frye; fire board: Anthony D. Loughy and Hauch; building inspector and liquor inspector, Sam F. Kietzer; health officer, Dr. C. E. Baggerly; attorney, John Spelman; zoning board of appeals, William Ott, Art Schneider and auditor, Martin Fischell.

Lester White, police administrator reported county sheriff's deputies working under contract with Lincoln had patrolled 3,168 hours. In another report, Mrs. Rosetta Myers, acting township librarian, said 1,188 new books were placed in the library.

The residents also re-affirmed the regular township meeting date as the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the township hall.

Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Esther Albersson of Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. Charles (Emily) Koane of Moraga, Calif. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Kerlikowski and Starks funeral home. Fr. Robert Andrews, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, will officiate. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens.



ERNEST HAUCH

## BH Schools' Action Line On Vacation

The Citizens Communications Center, the combination rumor clinic and action line type operation on the Benton Harbor Area schools, will temporarily cease operations this week while the schools are closed for spring vacation.

The district will not hold classes April 3 through 11.

The Communications Center will resume operations Monday, April 12, when the Benton Harbor schools reopen. The operating hours will again be 1 to 5 p.m. weekday afternoons. The center's phone number is 927-4447.

## Benton Grass Fire Burns Five Acres

Benton township firemen said a grass fire burned approximately five acres of grass at 1135 McIntosh avenue Saturday. The fire started from a trash burner, firemen said. The place is the residence of James Roseburgh.

Firemen were also called to the home of Allen Mutz, 2371 Virginia road, last night, where clothing near a furnace started a fire in a utility room. The fire was extinguished by an automatic sprinkler system. Damage was estimated at \$500.

## New First Aid Course To Start On Wednesday

C. J. Deruyter, first aid chairman for the American Red Cross, announces an advance first aid course will start Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Berrien county chapter new headquarters, 409 Main street, St. Joseph.

Anyone interested in the course and has a current standard first aid card may contact the Red Cross office, 983-7707. Irving Tallis will be the instructor.

## St. Joe Twp. Residents Get Free Day At Dump

St. Joseph township residents can take all the junk and debris they want to the Northwest Berrien County landfill on Saturday, April 24, and it won't cost them a cent.

The landfill is north of the airport, off Crystal avenue.



**HONORED BY SHRINERS:** Members of the South Haven Shrine Club honored native son Don Moorhead for his athletic achievements at the University of Michigan and his participation in the East-West Shrine football game during a Saturday breakfast. Moorhead (third from the left) is pictured receiving a plaque from Charles Johnson, president of the South Haven Shrine Club; Tom Pauley, a member of the club who delivered a tribute and Bud Talbot of Stevensville who is High Priest of the Saladin Temple. (Tom Renner photo)

## Michigan-Ohio Land Dispute In Court

PHILADELPHIA — A border dispute between Michigan and Ohio that dates back to the 1830's has landed in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Representatives of both states completed arguments late last week before U.S. Circuit Court Judge Albert B. Maris who will now file an opinion on the boundary dispute with the U.S. Supreme Court.

**LAKEBED PROPERTY**  
Michigan claims it received 200 square miles of Lake Erie lake bed when it was admitted to the Union in 1836. Ohio contends it owns the territory under the Northwest Ordinance of 1787.

In the 1830's the dispute involved as much as 470 square miles of land on the boundary between the two states. The so-

called Toledo War resulted in which both sides mobilized but stopped short of fighting.

Both states made final presentation of their claims last Thursday before Judge Maris. Under a 1967 Supreme Court decision on Michigan's claim, he will draft a statement to the high court giving his recommendations for settling the dispute.

"It's a question of the language of the dispute that admitted Michigan into the

Union," Judge Maris said. "Michigan thinks the language means one thing which would give them more territory and Ohio thinks the language would mean something else," he explained.

"I suppose it's a question of which state has sovereignty over a triangular piece of a bed of Lake Erie and which has a right to exploit that particular part of the lake for oil and minerals," Judge Maris said.

## Fights Zoning Verdict In Antwerp Township

PAW PAW — A Van Buren Circuit Court hearing has been scheduled for May 10 in the case of an Antwerp township man who is attempting to sell land lots for a mobile home subdivision.

The scheduled court hearing is the latest development in the near two-year battle for Ralph Tyler to gain a zoning ordinance change for his planned lots sales.

The township board, last autumn, rezoned the land to permit such a subdivision, but

petitions filed with the board put the ordinance on the ballot in March.

An election recount disclosed that the ordinance was repudiated by voters by two votes, 137-139.

Now Tyler, in an amended complaint filed late last week through his Paw Paw attorney Donald Halstead, has contested election procedures and wording on the ballots.

At the May hearing, the township will be asked why the court should not prohibit the township from declaring the zoning ordinance invalid as a result of the election.

## Watervliet Singers Top Rated

WATERVLIET — The Madrigal Singers of Watervliet high school received first division (superior) award at the Michigan School Vocal association state solo and ensemble festival at Oakland university Rochester Saturday.

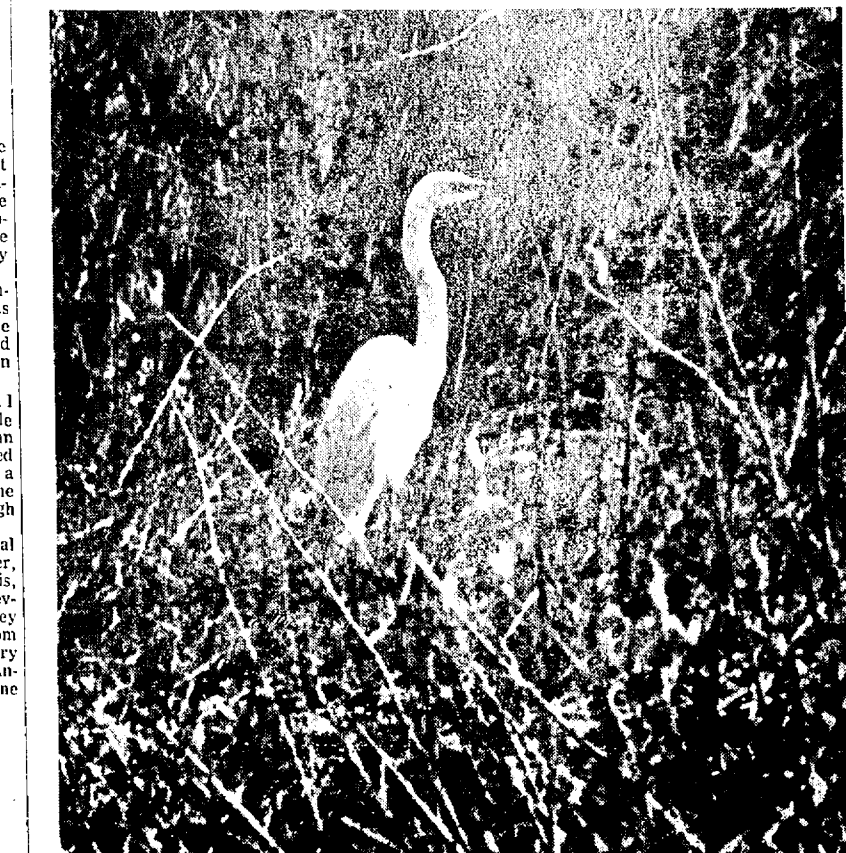
Robert Nelson, vocal instructor, said the award was received for performance of the "Echo Song" by diLasso and "Dixie" arranged by Norman Luboff.

The Watervliet Madrigal Singers were the only ensemble from a southwestern Michigan Class C school, having earned the right to participate with a first division rating at the district festival at Sturgis high school Feb. 20.

Members of the Madrigal Singers are Janice Griesser, Sue Lawson, Cherie Norris, Janyce Polmanteer, Lisa Beverly, Sharon Hulsay, Shirley Mort, Judy Schnebly, Tom Formosa, Bill Gregor, Gary Griffin, Mike Haus, Chuck Andrews, Arch Attila, Bill Shane and Mike Zepik.

## Town Pays For Holiday

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Twenty-three servicemen, their fares paid by their neighbors, have arrived from Vietnam for two-week Easter leaves. More than 500 relatives and friends greeted them Sunday night at Municipal Airport. The Independence, Mo., Jaycees and local high school students raised \$12,000 to pay the fares for 16 GIs from the Independence area.



**STRANGE VISITOR:** The George Davis family of South Haven was treated to a visit this past weekend from an American Egret which is known to habituate in the southern United States, but rarely in the Great Lakes states. The Davis family lives on Monroe boulevard and first spotted the bird, which is part of the Heron family, Saturday afternoon. It returned Sunday morning. The bird stands between 37 and 40 inches tall, has a snowy-white plumage, black legs and feet, and a yellow bill. According to James Vander Kolk, a biology teacher at the local high school, the bird is known to habitat South Carolina and Texas during the winter months and Ontario and Maine during the summer. (Tom Renner photo)

## Legislators Rarin' To Go

## Vital Bills Race Vacations

LANSING (AP) — A handful of important bills faces the Michigan Legislature before it closes shop late this week for an 11-day Easter recess.

Backers of voting and new legal rights for 18-year-olds, off-track betting and new taxing power for hardpressed city administrations will all be angling for early consideration.

But they'll have to buck a rising tide of travel and vacation fever as the week progresses. If the slightest hitch develops, chances are their proposals still will be around when the legislature returns on April 20.

The recess begins Friday.

**LAST CHANCE**  
One issue will be settled by then even if the legislature does

nothing. This week is Gov. William Milliken's last chance to reverse strong opposition to his proposed 1.5 per cent cutback in the civil service pay raise starting July 1.

Technically, the Legislature has until April 12, next Monday, but the recess will be on then and the 8.1 per cent pay hikes cannot be rescinded or cut back after that.

The Senate killed the pay cut several weeks ago. House Democratic leaders haven't put it up for a vote, although Milliken insists it's an important part of balancing the present budget deficit and abiding further inflationary squeeze in coming year.

One issue not expected to be

settled this week is the question of adding interest charges to the \$45 million Milliken wants to borrow from the motor vehicle claims fund to help meet deficits.

Both Houses have voted authority for the transfer, but the major difference was over whether the money should be put back with interest to match the income it could raise if left undisturbed in state investment funds. The House says yes, the Senate, no.

Conference committees to argue the various sides may be appointed this week but won't likely get down to any serious negotiations immediately. Action on 18-year-olds' rights may come up in both Houses.

Congress passed some weeks ago to give voting rights to 18-20-year-olds if 38 states concur.

Now the House is turning to an omnibus bill, advocated by both Milliken and Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley, to erase the distinction between the legal rights and responsibilities of adults over 21 and those as young as 18.

**OFF TRACK BETTING**

Other bills being maneuvered for their first vote in the House, include Rep. George Montgomery's off-track betting plan and authority for Michigan's 14 income taxing cities to raise their rates to as much as 2-1/2 per cent on residents.

Montgomery's betting bill en-

visions a system of quasi-public agencies linked to Detroit area tracks through telephone and computer systems. He got it through the House last year and says "we've got the votes counted" to pass it this year.

Montgomery contends the state's revenue needs will make Milliken reverse strong opposition which helped kill the bill last year in the Senate.

The 1 per cent ceiling on resident income taxes levied by all cities except Detroit—which has 2 per cent — would go to 2 1/2 under Montgomery's other bill up in the House this week. It provides for a local referendum before any rates can be changed. The nonresident maximum could be 1 1/4 per cent.

## Abortion Law Repeal Fought Opposition Forces Hold Meeting In Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — Over 1,000 persons opposing the repeal of Michigan's abortion laws gathered at Detroit's Veterans Memorial Building Sunday to take part in an interfaith "Congress for the Unborn."

Sponsored by the largely Protestant-based People Taking Action Against Abortion (PTAA), the congress heard columnist Dr. Russell Kirk charge that society is in decline if "the state abandons the principle of reverence for human life."

"The right to life is the most important right in any society," Dr. Kirk said. "Without it, life would become poor, brutish, evil and short."

Other speakers at the congress included clergymen, doctors and Mrs. Mary Ryan, wife of House Speaker William Ryan, who argued it would be paradoxical for present state law to protect the unborn child's property rights while denying the child the right to be alive.

A statement signed by a group of Detroit clergymen, the interdenominational Council, said that "abortion threatens society's moral standard," and that its legalization would cause "what is sacred and holy to become ordinary and cheap."

Noting that birth defects or financial problems could have been cited as reasons to abort such historical figures as poet Alexander Pope or "a poor southern white" named Abraham Lincoln, Kirk said abortion in New York has taken the lives "of 70,000 children."

Such an attitude, he said, could lead eventually to the

state's extermination of other "undesirables."

Groups supporting the congress included the Baptist Ministers Conference, Baptist Pastors' Council, Archdiocese of Detroit, Council of Orthodox Rabbis, Greater Detroit Baptist Association, Michigan Sunday School Association, Coalition of Concerned Citizens, Reformed Presbyterians, Right to Life Committee, Wisconsin and most Missouri Synod Lutheran Churches.

## Crooks Carry Off Crops Of Cheese

MANCELONA, Mich. (AP) — For the second time in a year, thieves have struck the Mancelona Cheese Co., snatching off two, inedible 22-pound Colby cheeses.

Cheesemaker James Gothrup seriously doubts it was the same crooks both times.

The type of cheese both groups of thieves got needs two months to age and "tastes like an old rubber shoe" before then, Gothrup said.



**FOR YEARS TO COME:** The cornerstone for the new Hope Reformed Church in South Haven is placed by building committee members Alfred Swart (left) and Edward Vanderzee (right). The Rev. John Staat waits to speak. The congregation held their first worship services in the \$175,000 colonial-style sanctuary after worshipping in the original sanctuary for 99 years. Dedication services for the sanctuary, which is located on Monroe boulevard, will be held June 20. (Tom Renner photo)

## Niles Twp. Pay Boost Rejected

McDonald Calls It 'Vendetta'

NILES — A proposed pay boost for elected Niles township officials here was rejected 39-37 Saturday during the township's annual meeting.

The proposal would have boosted the supervisor from \$8,925 to \$9,460, the clerk and treasurer from \$6,300 yearly each to \$6,678; and trustees from \$20 a meeting to \$22 a meeting.

The raises for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer were proposed at six per cent while those for the four trustees involved a 10 per cent increase.

**LEADS OPPOSITION**  
Opposition to the package was led by Leo F. Buckley, chairman of the township's Republican party. Township Supervisor John McDonald is a Democrat. The clerk, Arthur Mould, however, is a Republican as are the four trustees.

McDonald labeled the Buckley opposition a "personal vendetta." The supervisor said he offered to withdraw his proposed increase, however, unsuccessfully.

Approved by the 76 present was a 1971-72 operating budget of \$300,097. The figure was \$84,476 over last year's. McDonald said the largest portion of the increase was in funds for the police department. In the new year, he said, \$118,000 was being allocated compared to about \$70,000 last year.

The additional funds are to cover two more officers and a \$750-a-year pay boost per man. The force now totals 10 with the new men.

**RECREATION FUNDS**

Also included in the budget was an \$11,000 fund to cover the township's share of a local-state project for recreation. The state was underwriting 80 per cent of the projected costs. Involved are installation of lights at the Little League field behind the township hall and development of expanded facilities in Fulkerson Park.

Another fund provides \$10,000 for payment into the Southwestern Landfill authority. McDonald said the money would be refunded once the authority is self-supporting.

## Coloma Twp. Residents Approve Cuts In Budget

COLOMA — Coloma Township residents approved a proposed budget for 1971-72 of \$119,416 during the township's annual meeting Saturday. The figure is \$33,000 lower than last year's.

Township Supervisor Roger Carter said the lower budget was because of expected lower income from state and county sources.

Carter blamed the reduction on the effects of strikes and other reasons.

The township's largest expenditure for the year is the projected operational cost for the township's police department. This year's budget calls for \$55,000 as compared to last year's expense of \$37,500.

The increased cost covers the department's 24-hour seven-day-a-week operation, and allows for

wage increases of five per cent for patrolmen.

Another factor affecting the budget is the reduced amount of cash balance on hand. This year the amount totals \$9,161.63 as compared to last year's balance of \$37,919.83.

Approval was given by the some 20 residents attending the meeting to request to the county allocation board that the township be given a full mill for operational expenses for the new year. Less than a mill was granted last year, according to Carter.

A proposal by township resident Stanley Turek, Box 581-A, Coloma that the township board undertake a house num-

bering system for the township was scheduled for further study.

A \$250 donation was approved for the Coloma Gladiolus festival for the entry of a float in the Blossomtime parade. Another expenditure approved was 3/10ths of a mill for the Coloma library board.

Residents approved the sending of congratulatory letters to Miss CaSandra Larsen, Miss Coloma 1971, the Covert high school basketball team for winning the Class D state championship, and a letter to each member of the Coast to Coast senior boys bowling team of Coloma for holding the country's top handicap single game for junior bowlers.

## SMC Slates Marketing Seminar

DOWAGIAC — Area business executives are invited to join a series of management seminars scheduled at Southwestern Michigan college.

"Are You Really Planning Your Marketing?" will be the topic of discussion at a seminar set for 7 p.m. Tuesday night.

Interested persons can still sign up for the seminars by contacting Wesley Muth, director of continuing education at the college.

Tuesday night's seminar will be presented by Norman Machiela of Herman, Miller, Inc. and Jack Griffin, associate professor of marketing at Ferris State college.

Machiela is marketing services manager at the Miller firm and has served as marketing research supervisor for General Telephone company. Griffin recently retired as marketing research director of Gerber Products company.

## Allegan Making Pitch For Industry

ALLEGAN — Directors of the Area Chamber of Commerce have voted to undertake organization of an industrial development corporation under the Small Business Administration's "502 Program" according to President Edward C. Sosnowski.

The chamber will seek 25 local incorporators to form the non-profit development company. Under the SBA program, loans up to \$350,000 can be obtained by the company to assist individual businesses.

Loan funds may be used for plant construction, conversion or expansion of an existing business, acquisition of land for a specific business or purchase of machinery and equipment essential to the operation of a small business.

Depending on the availability of federal funds, the SBA may share up to 80 per cent of total project costs, or the agency may guarantee up to 90 per cent of loans obtained from private lending institutions.

Businesses to be helped cannot have assets of more than \$5 million, a net worth exceeding \$2 1/2 million and average earn-

ings, for the past two years, of more than \$250,000 a year, according to Sosnowski.

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
Board members also voted to set April 19, as the date for the chamber's annual meeting. It will be held at 8:15 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce offices at 149 Brady Street.

Directors unanimously approved the appointment of Joseph Silver and George E. Horan to fill vacancies on the board. Under the organization's bylaws, the board may appoint two directors at its discretion to serve for one-year terms.

Plans also were discussed for sponsorship of the community's first arts and crafts festival. Board member Norman L. Smith will serve as chairman of the event, set for July 24, in downtown Allegan.

**FOUND STRANGLED**

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit police say the body of 46-year-old Woodrow Hall of Detroit was found Sunday in his home. He had been bound, gagged and strangled with a telephone cord.